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When it rains in Los Angeles County, stormwater moves quickly through the County's flood channels, rivers, and arroyos with tremendous force. Fast moving water at speeds of 12 miles an hour can equal up to 540 pounds of pressure. In heavy rain, mud, litter, and debris are flushed through open channels at speeds of up to 45 miles per hour. This creates a potentially life threatening danger to anyone that gets caught or swept away in the flood channel.

Additionally, the consequences of being caught in a swift water rescue situation can be dire, not only to victims, but also to those rescue personnel who respond to emergencies. The public is advised to stay away from flood control channels, rivers, arroyos, and other natural waterways that are susceptible to flooding during heavy rain. Residents are advised to call 911 if they see a victim fall in.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the month of November 2006 be designated as "Flood Safety Awareness" month throughout the County of Los Angeles.

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